

New National Phase Application of Jun Yamashita et al.

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been amended to include a cross-reference section to the applications on which this application relies for priority. The claims have also been amended to correct minor grammatical inconsistencies and irregularities. The Abstract has been replaced to place it in appropriate format under U.S. rules.

Entry and consideration of this amendment is requested along with an early action on the merits of this application.

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